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Before DELORES LOWE, *Review Team Paralegal*
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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 30, 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter requiring attention prior to docketing.

EXAMINER'S ANSWER, HEADINGS

A review of the file indicates that the Examiner's Answer filed January 8, 2008 does not comply with the guidelines provided in MPEP § 1207.02 because it does not contain all of the required heading items. Specifically, the Examiner's Answer must contain the following heading items in the following order:

- (1) *Real party in interest.*
- (2) *Related appeals and interferences.*
- (3) *Status of claims.*
- (4) *Status of amendments After Final.*
- (5) *Summary of claimed subject matter.*
- (6) *Grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal.*
- (7) *Claims Appendix.*
- (8) *Evidence Relied Upon.*
- (9) *Grounds of Rejection.*
- (10) *Response to Argument.*
- (11) *Related Proceedings Appendix..*

An in-depth review of the Examiner's Answer indicates that the following sections are missing from the Examiner's Answer mailed January 8, 2008 and/or are not complete or clear in setting forth agreement or disagreement with the Appeal Brief:

1) “Related Proceedings Appendix”,

A substitute Examiner’s Answer that is in compliance with the guidelines is required. *See also Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* (MPEP) § 1207.02 (8th ed. Rev. 6, Sept 2007) for details.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the application be returned to the Examiner:

- 1) to vacate the Examiner’s Answer mailed January 8, 2008;
- 2) to generate a new Examiner’s Answer in compliance with the guidelines;
- 3) for such further action as may be required.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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